


**REMARKS**

Claims 23-42 are presented for the Examiner's consideration, directed to an apparatus which is the subject matter of non-elected claims 15-18 (Group II) of the parent application.

Claims 1-22 have been canceled.

Entry of the Amendments and the Examiner's favorable consideration of claims 23-42 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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